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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

8 BEATRIZ GARCIA,

9 Plaintiff(s),

10 v.

11 SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG CENTERS, INC.,

12 Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:22-cv-01616-CDS-NJK

Order

[Docket No. 12]

13 Pending before the Court is a stipulation to extend case management deadlines by 120 days.
14 Docket No. 12.¹

15 A request to extend unexpired deadlines in the scheduling order must be premised on a
16 showing of good cause. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4); Local Rule 26-3. The good cause analysis turns
17 on whether the subject deadlines cannot reasonably be met despite the exercise of diligence.
18 *Johnson v. Mammoth Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992).

19 In this case, the parties “would like to extend the discovery deadlines by 120-days [sic] in
20 order to negotiate privately and, if that fails, to schedule a private mediation with Judge Stuart Bell
21 (Ret.) at JAMS for April 4, 2023.” Docket No. 12 at 1-2. Federal courts encourage informal
22 settlement and the use of alternative dispute resolution. Nonetheless, a desire to engage in
23 settlement discussions is a routine aspect of federal litigation and is not generally viewed as good
24 cause to extend case management deadlines. *Williams v. James River Grp. Inc.*, ___ F. Supp. 3d
25 ___, 2022 WL 4181415, at *5 (D. Nev. Sept. 13, 2022) (collecting cases). Moreover and
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27 ¹ The stipulation incorrectly identifies the current discovery cutoff as being “September 23,
28 2022” and asks for a new discovery cutoff of January 22, 2024. Docket No. 12 at 3. The current
discovery cutoff is June 20, 2023. Docket No. 10 at 2.

1 significantly, no justification is advanced to support a four-month extension of deadlines,
2 particularly given that the proposed mediation is less than two months away.

3 In the circumstances presented, the Court will provide a 30-day extension to the case
4 management deadlines. Accordingly, the stipulation to extend is **GRANTED** in part and
5 **DENIED** in part. Deadlines are **RESET** as follows:

- 6 • Joint status report regarding mediation: April 7, 2023
- 7 • Amend pleadings/ add parties: April 21, 2023
- 8 • Initial experts: May 22, 2023
- 9 • Rebuttal experts: June 20, 2023
- 10 • Discovery cutoff: July 20, 2023
- 11 • Dispositive motions: August 21, 2023
- 12 • Joint proposed pretrial order: September 20, 2023, or 30 days after resolution of
13 dispositive motions

14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

15 Dated: February 7, 2023

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18 Nancy J. Koppe
19 United States Magistrate Judge
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